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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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A PRIVATE MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at their offices, 35 and 40, Queen's
Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 27th
inst., at half past Two in the afternoon.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3194

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 251.

A REGULAR MEETING of the
EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held
at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TOMORROW
(SATURDAY), the 23rd instant, at 5 for
5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren
are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3092

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 325, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND
LODGE will be held at the
FREEMASONS' HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th
inst., at 5.30 for 6 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3193

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,
on the 23rd December, 1899, at 10.30 a.m., at their
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A FINE COLLECTION OF
POSTAGE STAMPS.
Catalogues can be had on application and
Stamps are now on view.
TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3195

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public
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ENGINES, &c., &c.

LADIES' GENTS' TRAVELLING
BAGS, PORTMANTEAUS, BAGS,
PURSES, FEATHER PENS, &c., &c.
A FINE CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS!!!
On View at the Undersigned's.
PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3198

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public
Auction,
on the 28th December, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at
Nos. 4 and 6, COCHRANE STREET,
THE WHOLE OF THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
(Full particulars from Catalogues).
TERMS:—As Customary.
On View on day of Sale.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3197

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,
on the 28th December, 1899, at 2.45 p.m., at No. 9,
Queen's Gardens, Peak Road.
(The Residence of G. C. COX, Esq.)
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good condition).
On View from Thursday, 28th December.
TERMS:—As Customary.
Catalogues will be issued.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3106

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS

will be ready to-morrow and will contain:—
Leading Articles:—
Rife Range Waterworks.
The Command in South Africa.
Hongkong Legislative Council.
Supreme Court.
Sanitary Board Election.
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.
Loss of the steamer S. Helms.
The Huiqua Enquiry.
Serious Disturbance on Lamma Island.
Fire in Canton Waters.
The Volunteers and the Kowloon Dis-
turbances.
The Larkin Question at Canton.
The Aligned Shell Fishing Monopoly.
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H. K. KENNEDY,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3202

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A CHINESE CLERK for Secretary's
Office, HONGKONG HOTEL Co. Salary
\$400 per month.
Apply by letter only to
G. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. 3201

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(partially furnished), with Eight Foot Base-
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. 3190

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"BOROMIA"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

goods are being landed at their risk into the

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Co. Limited, at Kowloon, whence

delivery may be obtained. Particulars of goods to

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All damaged packages must be left in the

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obtained from the Godown Company within

seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after

which no claims will be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th

December, 1899, will be subject to rent.

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CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. 3197

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CITY HALL.

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4 p.m.

Late Trains will run 1 hour after the fall of

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H. C. NICOLLE,
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Hongkong, 4th December, 1899. 3037

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 22nd, 1899.

That the public should not have evinced greater interest in the election of two members of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday is to be regretted, certainly, but there is no occasion for hysterical raving against the Government nor for confessing any surrender of the principle of representative institutions. The election did not cause any excitement, because the two vacant seats were uncontested and because at the present moment there is no point in the conduct or policy of the Sanitary Board against which the public have any occasion to make a demonstration. The situation will, we hope, be looked at from a common sense business point of view, with an avoidance of rhodomontade. The subject divides itself into two branches, first, the question of the ratepayers' right of representation, as a matter of principle, and, second, the practical question of sanitation.

With regard to the question of the right of representation, the ratepayers have successfully repulsed the attack made upon their position by the Colonial Secretary, but have been unable to make any advance. The Colonial Secretary sought to shut up the Sanitary Board altogether, or at least to deprive it of its representative character. How strongly the public felt upon that point was shown when a libelation was taken. The fact that the election on Tuesday was unattended with any excitement is no evidence that the public hold the principle of popular representation of less account now than it did then. Parliamentary elections in English boroughs or counties sometimes are uncontested and fail to produce excitement, but that fact could not be cited as an argument in support of the proposition that the electorate is not to be counted by its privileges. But the Hongkong ratepayers wanted a fuller measure of representation than that which they previously possessed and which has now been restored to them, and it has been suggested that, because they have been unsuccessful in obtaining what they wanted they refrained from taking part in the election of pique and disgust. Any one who has allowed himself to be influenced by feelings of that kind has been unwise. As well might General Buller retire in disgust because he failed to carry the passage of the Tugela River at the first attempt. The great body of the intelligents of Hongkong are in no mind, we think, to "chuck" (if we may be excused the vulgarism) the struggle on which they have entered, even though the recognized leaders failed to make a better display at Tuesday's meeting. The display, we may mention, would have been even worse than it was had it not been for the Hon. T. H. Warran, who seems to have been the only public man who recognized the importance of the occasion. At the

the Hon. C. P. CRATER, and to both these gentlemen the community is indebted.

With reference to the influence of the Sanitary Board in the practical question of sanitation, we would enter a protest against the view expressed by the Colonial Secretary, that "it does not fulfil the first object of its institution, but as long as it does not harm it may be allowed to move." and discuss sanitary questions in its old "necromantic style—the pseudo-representative members regularly out-voted by the officials on all important matters of policy or voted by the all-powerful Government if they should, by any chance, secure a snap victory." That is wrong from beginning to end, wrong both in sentiment and fact. The Sanitary Board does fulfil the first object of its creation, the pseudo-representative members are not regularly out-voted by the officials on all important matters of policy, nor are they regularly vetoed by the all-powerful Government should they secure a victory. Those who hold that the Sanitary Board should be a purely official body and those who hold that it should be wholly a representative body must agree on the fact that the work actually accomplished by the Board, especially since it was stirred up by the plague, has been very good both in quantity and quality. The question is sometimes asked why the papers should fill up their columns with reports of Legislative Council and Sanitary Board meetings, which, as it is said, nobody cares to read. Well, some people read their papers merely for entertainment, while others seek the utilitarian element first. Those who read the papers only for entertainment will naturally omit the reports of the Sanitary Board and therefore cannot be expected to know what it has done or what it has not done. But, on the other hand, those who take a direct and personal interest in the affairs of the colony and make a point of keeping themselves informed on public questions cannot have failed to note the large amount of work performed by the Board, including personal inspections of the slums and other committee work that must make heavy demands on the time of the members. The debates, too, show the keen interest the members take in the subject of sanitation and are of an order that would not discredit similar bodies in the large cities of the United Kingdom. As to what has actually been accomplished, we need only point to the cleanliness of the city to-day and compare it with the state of affairs that existed six years ago and the diminution of the death-rate. That is a simple matter of evidence that any plain man can weigh for himself, and if he takes the trouble to do so his verdict will be that the evidence fully justifies the existence of the Sanitary Board. That the Board might accomplish more if the representative element entered more largely into its composition and if its powers were enlarged affords no justification for the statement that the Board as it has hitherto existed has been useless.

We come now to the question of the official element. While advocating the principle of popular representation, we have no desire to advance that principle by bearing false witness against our neighbors, the officials. In the Sanitary Board there has happily never been any line of cleavage between the official and unofficial members and the officials have never had instructions from the Government as to the side on which they were to cast their votes. Latterly, with only one unofficial member, the divisions that have taken place have necessarily been between the officials themselves, but even before the disruption, and when the unofficial element was at its full strength, it was common in divisions to find some of the officials voting on one side and some on the other. One has only to read the discussions to see that the officials are not less progressive than the unofficials in the matter of sanitation. The Hon. F. H. MAY is an enthusiast on the subject, and as Dr. ATKINSON, Dr. CLARK, and the Hon. R. D. OMSBY, by no stretch of the imagination could any one accuse them of systematically obstructing sanitary improvements. (Then as to the "all-powerful Government" under whose review the decisions of the Sanitary Board have to pass: the system of Crown Colony Government, as we all know, is bad, but the officials responsible for the administration of the system are actuated by a desire—as British officials usually are—to do their duty according to their lights and to the best of their ability, and they give effect to the decisions of the Sanitary Board when they are convinced the decisions are sound and practicable. More vituperation of the Government is to be deprecated as calculated to bring the cause of popular representation into disrepute and ridicule. To recognise things as they are will help towards securing their improvement.

Of the new members of the Sanitary Board, Dr. HARTMAN has served before and the colony is to be congratulated on his return. He left the Board at the time of the disruption, but on good purpose could be served by his holding aloof any longer, and that his rise superior to any feeling of pique in connection with that affair is to be counted to his credit. As to Mr. McKIN, we have no idea of what his views on sanitary questions may be, but he is in himself a man of abounding vitality, and we should be inclined to think that his assistance on the Sanitary Board will prove of value in representing the practical business element.

The municipal troops of H.M.S. *Porpoise* were on duty in the Loosan Flats, Shanghai, on the 15th instant, for the benefit of the Transvaal War Fund. The takings realised \$1,500.

The presentation of prizes at the British Public School took place yesterday afternoon. His Honor the Acting Chief Justice presiding. Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over our report.

At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. Gompertz held two more inquiries into suspected cases of opium poisoning, a verdict of suicide by opium poisoning being returned in each case. One case was that of Chiu Yau, work at the Opium Farmer's establishment at Samau, and the other that of Tang Yau Tan, clerk at the employ of the Wharf and Godown Company.

The Engineers' v. "F.C. R.V.E." football match, which was played at Coney Bay to-day, kicked off at 4 p.m. prompt. The following will play for the Engineers:—Moore, goal; bases, Lapsley, and Dyer; half-backs, Kiddle, Wilson, and Dunlop; forwards, Pacion, H. Henderson, Smiley, Horion, and Henderson.

With reference to a statement, published in a daily paper, according to the *Daily Press*, it is a misstatement concerning the *Daily Press*, and it is to be regretted that the *Daily Press* should have been so unfairly treated. The *Daily Press* is a fair summary of the statements published in the *Singapore papers*, by the authority of the *Singapore papers*, and the *Daily Press* is a fair summary of the statements published in the *Singapore papers*, by the authority of the *Singapore papers*.

It was freely reported among Chinese officials at Shanghai, we learn from the N. C. *Daily News*, that Li Ping-heng, the newly-appointed High Commissioner of Yangtze, has demonstrated Marshal Su for giving up Nanking and its dependencies in Kwangchowwan to the French, and that the Emperor Dowager has been persuaded by Li Ping-heng to order the High Commissioner to order the withdrawal of French troops from Nanking and its dependencies, and to order him to order the withdrawal of French troops from Nanking and its dependencies.

On Wednesday a Chinese constable seized 32 revolvers, 5,200 rounds of revolver ammunition, and 300 rounds of shotgun ammunition, which he found in a scow on the river. The scow was found before Mr. Gompertz at the Magistrate's yesterday and was found to be the property of the scow. The scow was found to be the property of the scow. The scow was found to be the property of the scow.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alliance Memorial and Netherland Hospital, beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—
St. John's Cathedral ... \$234.47
Union Church ... 25.00
St. Paul's Church (L.M.S. Chinese) ... 52.45
St. Stephen's Church (C.M.S.) ... 37.29
St. Peter's Church (C.M.S.) ... 27.76
Hakka Church, Basil Mission ... 14.11
Wong Yee Sang ... 10.00
Bokkeda German Church ... 5.50

To-morrow the Hongkong Cricket Club will play the Nanyang. The following is the Club team:—A. G. Ward, J. A. Lawson, G. R. Vallings, E. M. G. Ward, P. Maitland, P. A. Grant, Smith, Cyril, Langhorne, F. Maitland, and W. H. Howard. On Monday and Tuesday the Club will play the United Services, beginning at 2 p.m. on Monday. The following is the Club team:—A. G. Ward, J. A. Lawson, G. R. Vallings, E. M. G. Ward, P. Maitland, P. A. Grant, Smith, Cyril, Langhorne, F. Maitland, and W. H. Howard.

Supreme Court and other interesting news will be found in today's supplement.

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REINFORCEMENTS FROM CANADA.
Canada's offer of a second contingent for service in South Africa has been accepted.

GENERAL METHUEN'S FORCE.
The situation at Modder River is a complete surprise. The Boers are gathering larger forces and have made defences which are unassailable. On the other hand they are unable to attack General Methuen's position.

The enemy's only advantage is the pre-eminence of water and food supplies.

THE UNITED STATES.
THE CURRENCY BILL.
The House of Representatives has passed the Government Currency Bill.

HAVAS SERVICE.
Paris, 14th December.

FRENCH CABLES.
The Government will shortly introduce a scheme for the laying of cables connecting France and the colonies.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present:—

His Excellency the GOVERNOR (Sir Henry BLAKE, G.C.M.G.); Major-General GOSWOLD, C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops); The Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary);

The Hon. H. E. POND (Acting Attorney-General); The Hon. R. MURRAY BURNETT (Harbour Master); The Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police);

The Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer); The Hon. R. D. OMSBY (Director of Public Works); The Hon. C. P. CRATER, C.M.G.;

The Hon. E. R. BELLING, C.M.G.; The Hon. W. A. YUK; Mr. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Council).

PAPERS.
The Colonial Secretary laid on the table correspondence with reference to the services of the Volunteer Corps in connection with the occupation of the New Territory.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minute No. 28 and proposed that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried on the voices.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table report of the Finance Committee No. 12 and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was carried.

THE PERSIAN ORDINANCE.
A Bill entitled the Persia Ordinance, 1899, was read a first time, on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

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